MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MUSKINGUM

Baptist Association;

HELD WITH

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH,

Near Linnville, Licking County, Ohio,

August 20, 21 and 22, 1880.

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Beulah—Stephen Francis, Toboso, Licking County, O.
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Friendship—near Linnville, Wm. Field, Linnville, Licking Co.
Monday Creek—Thomas Nixon, New Straitsville, Perry Co. O.
Union—Samuel Buriff, New Salem, Fairfield County, O.
Harmony—E Richards, Alexandria, Licking County, O.
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Mt. Olive—John Croy, Elliott's Cross-Roads, Morgan Co., O.

Minutes of the Muskingum Baptist Association,

Held with the Friendship Church, near Linnville, Licking County, Ohio, August 20, 21 and 22, 1880.

August 20,—10 o'clock A. M. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John J. Vanhorn, from Gallatians, 6th chapter, 14th verse.

The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Moderator and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled and statistics noted as follows:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS AND TIMES OF HOLDING MEETINGS.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Contributions
Falls of Licking, Musk. Co.; Abram Dorsey, R. J. Smith, L. C. Prior,	Thomas Cole, 2d Lord's day, G. D. Burley, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	2	58	$ 5 30
Hopewell, Perry County; John Forsythe,	D. G. Barker, 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	2 50
Union, Perry Co.; J. Grove, John Neel, Brook Cherry,	G. A. Tussing, 4th Lord's day,	4	...	...	...	...	...	24	3 80
Lancaster, Fairfield Co.; Jonas Fertig, G. W. Starner,	Wm. Fisher, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1 50
Lexington, Perry Co.; John Bell. T. J. Strawn, G W Moore	John J. Vanhorn, 4th Lord's day,	1	...	..	...	...	1	50	5 00
Timber Run, Musk. Co.; John J Vanhorn, John Bolin. G. D. Burley	G. A. Tussing, 3d Lord's day,	1	...	...	...	...	...	26	2 00
Bethel, Noble Co.; John Jordan, Joshua Davis, H. Ward,	E. Barker and J. J. Vanhorn, alternately, 1st Lord's day,	1	...	...	...	1	...	39	3 30
Buclah, Musk. Co.; S. Frances, Sampson Redman,	John Prichard, 1st Lord's day,	3	...	...	...	...	1	33	2 50
Mt. Pleasant, Perry Co.. L. Richards, Geo. Printz,	John Croy, 3d Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1 75
York, Morgan Co.; Wm. Newlon, John Newlon,	John Croy, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	2 00
Zoar, Musk. Co.; S. Martin,	John Croy, 2d Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	1	22	1 50
Mt. Olive, Morgan Co.; John Croy, B. W. Power, C. M. Matthews,	Louis Kagy, 1st Lord's day	1	...	...	...	2	...	16	85
Scott's Creek, Hocking Co.; L. Davis, A. Nixon, F. Parker,	D. G. Barker, 2d Lord's day	1	...	...	...	...	1	64	3 65
Goshen, Musk. Co.; Wm. S. West, J, Crozier, E. Hickman	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day,	2	...	...	...	...	2	25	1 50
Pleasant Hill, Licking Co.; J. Holmes, G. W. Rector, J. W. Painter,	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	1	54	6 75
Enon, Guernsey Co.; Letter, but no Messenger,	G. D. Burley, 2d Lord's day,	2	...	1	...	3	...	21	1 00
Jonathan's Creek, Licking Co.; Dan'l Drum, Peter Gutridge, E Barker,	E. Barker, 4th Lord's day	2	...	...	...	...	1	49	2 75
Monday Creek, Perry Co.; A. Skinner,	Wm. Newlon, 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	1	16	.....
St. Louisville, Licking Co., J. Prichard, G. H. Hunter, E. Dush	John Prichard, 2d Lord's day,	...	...	...	2	...	...	34	3 00
Fallsburgh, Licking Co.; John Frost, Wm. Painter,	G, D. Burley, 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	..	...	14	4 25
Friendship, at Hog Run, Licking Co.; A. T. Jury, S. E. Rhodes,	Benj. Lampton and Jno. Bolin, alternately, 3d Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	3 50
Friendship, near Linnville, Licking Co.; S. Meredith, L. Hanley, S. Hupp,	John J. Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day,	6	...	...	2	...	1	27	2 50
Harmony, Licking Co.; Sam'l Rugg, Joseph Beaver,	No regular Pastor,	1	...	...	...	...	2	17	2 25
Totals,		25	...	1	4	6	15	686	$61 65

NOTE.—Saturday before the Lord's day mentioned in the foregoing table, is the day of business of the respective churches.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock. Benediction by Elder Byrnside.

One o'clock, P. M.—Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Wm. Dodd.

1. The Messengers' names were called.

2. Organized for the present session by choosing Elder John J. Vanhorn, Moderator, and G. W. Moore, Clerk.

3. The Constitution and Articles of Faith were read.

4. Committees were appointed as follows:

On Arrangements.—Elders Newlon, E. Barker and G. D. Burley.

On Preaching.—Brethren Wm. Painter, John Jordan and Daniel Drum.

On Funds.—Brothers Azari Nixon, Peter Gutridge and L. C. Prior.

On Visitation Meetings—Wesly Painter, Stephen Francis and Joshua Crozier.

5. Churches wishing to unite with this Association called for.

6. Correspondence from sister Associations was called for, which were represented as follows:

Miami.—By Elder Wm. Dodd, J. M. Thompson and Minutes.
Scioto.—By Elder D. G. Barker.
Sandusky.—By Lewis Seitz, Jr.
Pocatalico.—By Elder Byrnside and Minutes.
Owl Creek Harmony.—Not represented.

7. Associations wishing to open correspondence with this Association called for.

8. Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Miami.—Elder John J. Vanhorn.
Scioto.—Elder John Prichard.
Sandusky.—Elder E. Barker.
Pocatalico.—Elder John J. Vanhorn.
Owl Creek Harmony.—Elder Geo. D. Burley.

9. The circular letter written by Elder John Prichard, and the corresponding letter written by Elder John Croy, were called for and read, and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

10. The Committee on Preaching reported Elders Burnside, Sites, Dodd and Thompson for to-morrow. Report adopted.

11. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Elder Thomas.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21, 1880, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Thomas Cole.

1. The Messengers' names were called.

2. The Committe on Arrangements report the Minutes of last year as the Order of Business.

3. The Circular and Corresponding Letters were adopted.

4. That the report of the Committee on Funds and on Visitation Meetings be handed in to the Clerk at any time during the present session of the Association, as they are not ready to report now.

5. The Committe on Visitation Meetings report as follows:

Falls of Licking.—Fifth Lord's day in January, at Upper House, Elders Hickman and E. Barker. Also second Lord's day in May, Elder Thomas.

Union.—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder Hickman.

Lancaster.—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder Tussing.

Lexington.—Fourth Lord's day in May, Elders John J. Vanhorn and D. G. Barker

Timber Run.—Third Lord's day in October, Elders Tussing and Burley.

Bethel.—Second Lord's day in October, Elder Hickman.

Beulah.—First Lord's day in June, Elders Hickman and Tussing. Also, Fifth Lord's day in October, Elders Meredith and Cole.

Mt. Pleasant.—Third Lord's day in October, Elders Crabtree and Croy.

Zoar.—Fifth Lord's day in January, Elder Prichard.

Goshen.—Third Lord's day in May, Elder Thomas;

Pleasant Hill.—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder Dodd. Also, Fourth Lord's day in May, Elders Thomas and Thompson.

Enon.—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elders Prichard and Burley.

Jonathan's Creek.—Fourth Lord's day in October, Elder Tussing.

Fallsburgh.—First Lord's day in September, Elders Thomas and Burley.

Harmony.—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder Vanhorn.

All the above meetings to commence on Saturday preceding the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock. The report was adopted.

6. Elder George D. Burley to write the Circular Letter, and Elder E. Barker to write the Corresponding Letter for next year.

7. The next Association to be held with the Lexington church, Perry County, Ohio, commencing on Wednesday before the Fourth Lord's day in August, 1881, at 10 o'clock A. M. Elder E. Barker to preach the introductory sermon; in case of failure Elder John Croy.

8. Committee on Funds report $61.65 appropriated as follows: Minutes, $20.00; Clerk, $5 00; Correspondence, Miami, $7.00; Sandusky, $8.00; Owl Creek Harmony, $5.00; Scioto, $2.65; Pocatalico, $14.00. Report adopted.

9. The Committee on Preaching report Elders D. G. Barker, Thomas, Lippencott and G. N. Tussing for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

10. The Minutes were read and stood approved.

11. Adjourned to time and place above written.

Benediction by Elder Prichard.

Elder JOHN J. VANHORN, Moderator.

G. W. MOORE, Clerk.

PREACHING ON THE STAND.

Friday P. M.—No preaching on the stand on account of rain.

Saturday A. M.—Elder Byrnside, Romans III, 24. Elder Lewis Seitze, Jr., Mathew II, 28, 29, 30. P. M.—Elder Dodd, Acts, 9. Elder Thompson, Text not obtained.

Sunday.—Elder D. G. Barker, Romans VIII, commencing at 38. Elder Thomas, Romans VI, 16. Elder Lippencott 1 Corrinthians I, 15. Elder Tussing, Text not obtained.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the Muskingum Baptist Association we, according to our former practice, send this our Annual Epistle of Love:

We have much to perplex and trouble us in this pilgrim state, as we are subjects of infirmities that prey upon body and mind to that extent that we need the divine presence of the Master to guide and keep us from temptation, sin and death. At best we only look through a glass darkly—see in part, and know in part. So imperfect are we that we are all liable to err, hence the disagreements among brethren with regard to points of order and discipline, and also with regard to some other matters. But, on the main points, we are fully agreed: that is, that salvation is of the Lord; that God will save His chosen people from sin and death.

O, my soul! Did Jesus die for sinners? Yes, for helpless sinners. In this we all agree; for we have been made to realize our need of His grace and mercy, and to feel our sins a burden which caused us to cry for mercy and plead for pardon until Jesus revealed His smiling face, which made us rejoice and caused us to glorify His most Holy Name. Little did we then think or know of the Christian warfare, or of the doubts, fears, disappointments and temptations which lie in our way. With what delight we then sung the songs of Zion, and sought the Church of Christ to hear the Gospel's joyful sound, and to tell of a Savior's precious love manifested to our poor hearts. Then to follow Jesus was our desire, unworthy as we felt ourselves to be. Then down into the liquid grave was buried with Christ by baptism, and raised to walk in newness of life. Thus began our life in the Church. To live a life devoted to the cause of Christ was then our whole desire. How we loved to meet our dear brethren, and how humble we then felt. The lowest seat and humblest position would then suit us. While in this state of mind we were not very likely to find fault of our brethren, but our love for them was such that we could make any allowance or sacrifice so as to enjoy their fellowship.

But, alas! have we not fallen? Have we not departed from our first love? Should we not repent and do our first work? Should we not heed the admonition, "Let love be without dissimulation; abhore that which is evil; cleave to that which is good; be kind and affectionate one toward another, with brotherly love forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us?"

O, may the Lord save us from ruin; may He lead us beside the still water, keep us in peace, and add unto Zion of such as He will own and bless. So, farewell.

Corresponding Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian salutation:

Dearly Beloved Brethren in Christ:

Another year of our pilgrimage here on earth has rolled around, and we have been permitted to meet once more in an associate capacity, thanks be to God for his great mercies to us. Although we live in a dark and cloudy day—a day of error and delusion, still we trust the Lord has not forsaken us but still leads us as he did Israel of old. We have been favored with the coming of our brethren from different Associations, and we feel to say with the Psalmist, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." And may the Lord still enable us to trust in His Holy Name, and to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints, and to bear each other's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ. We ask a continuance of your Christian correspondence. Our Minutes will inform you of the time and place of our next Association, and may God in His infinite mercy and grace keep us all, for Christ's sake. Farewell.

Elder JOHN J. VANHORN, Moderator.

G. W. Moore, Clerk.